



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:01 P.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Councilmember Liz Keating, Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Councilmember Reggie Harris, Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Meeka Owens, President Pro Tempore Victoria Parks, and Councilmember Seth Walsh

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner and Clerk of Council Melissa Autry.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of Council were ordered Approved and Filed.

MAYOR AFTAB

Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors

1. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Sgt. Deon Mack to the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors as the First Responder representative, for a term expiring December 31st, 2024. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/African American) [202302012](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

MAYOR AFTAB

MR. HARRIS

MS. KEARNEY

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

MS. KEATING

MS. OWENS

MS. PARKS

MR. WALSH

2. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Councilmember Harris, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson, Keating, Owens, Parks and Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** our local letter carriers and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the dedication, courage, and resilience that letter carriers display in the course of their duties each day.

[202302055](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0064-2023

MR. JEFFREYS

3. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** the inscription of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks as a 2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (“UNESCO”) World Heritage Site; and **CELEBRATING** the history, culture, and contributions of the Indigenous peoples of our region.

[202302061](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0065-2023

4. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Borden Street at Elmore Street in the South Cumminsville neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Dave Parker Way” in honor of Dave Parker and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community along with his lasting impact on the sport of baseball.

[202302062](#)

Referred to Healthy Neighborhoods Committee

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. CRAMERDING

5. **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Cramerding, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Western Wildlife

[202302068](#)

Corridor's application for a grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, NRAC 2, to create a permanent nature preserve within the City by purchasing approximately twelve acres of land in the Saylor Park neighborhood.

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0066-2023

MS. KEARNEY

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a Report within thirty (30) days on the status of the City's partnership with the Step Up Housing First program. Step Up acquires hotels and motels, renovates them to create apartments, and uses the properties to provide affordable housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness. The report should include the City's proposed funding responsibility, status of acquisitions, and other pertinent matters. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202302075](#)

Referred to Equitable Growth & Housing Committee

CITY MANAGER

7. **REPORT**, dated 9/27/2023 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for MVB 4101 LLC, 4101 Airport Road. (#5385933, D5, New) [Objections: Yes]

[202302039](#)

Filed

8. **REPORT**, dated 9/27/2023, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 17th Annual Hats Off Luncheon.

[202302041](#)

Filed

9. **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$323,014 from the unappropriated surplus of Park Board Permanent Improvement Fund 752 to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x232032, "DNR Team HQ Renovation," to provide resources for improvements to the former District 5 police station site, located at 1012 Ludlow Avenue.

[202302042](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 10. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **ESTABLISHING** capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241050, "West Fork Garage Solar Improvements," to provide resources for a new transformer and other electrical upgrades needed to connect the solar panel system being installed on the West Fork Garage to the electrical grid; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$211,094 from the unappropriated surplus of Revolving Energy Loan Fund 883 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x241050, "West Fork Garage Solar Improvements," to provide the resources necessary to cover the cost of these improvements.

[202302043](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 11. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Summer Jobs Connection Academy to develop and implement a plan to integrate banking access and financial education into summer youth employment programming; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Citizens Jobs Fund 308x8571.

[202302044](#)

Referred to Budget & Finance Committee

- 12. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/27/2023, **AMENDING** Ordinance 230-2022 to include additional locations for the traffic control box artwork to be donated to the City as identified in Exhibit A to the ordinance.

[202302049](#)

Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

CLERK OF COUNCIL

- 13. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent J. Douglas Moormann, Government Strategies Group, Vice President, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (ACABAY)

[202302077](#)

Filed

- 14. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Charles H. Gerhardt, III, Government Strategies Group, President & CEO, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (ACABAY)

[202302078](#)

Filed

- 15. REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Anne C. Sesler, Government Strategies Group, Director of Public Affairs and Strategy, 700 Walnut Street, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (ACABAY)

[202302079](#)

Filed

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 16. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/20/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a Property Sale Agreement with The Sawyer Place Company, pursuant to which the City will vacate and convey a portion of an unnamed alley designated as public right-of-way in the East End neighborhood of Cincinnati.

[202302004](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0319-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0319-2023

- 17. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/20/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$400,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners' Fund to provide resources for horticultural supplies, maintenance contracts, salary reimbursements, Krohn Conservatory's gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City's parks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

[202302005](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0320-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0320-2023

18. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/20/2023, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into the attached transfer agreements with the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio and the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio to comply with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3307.762, 3307.763, 3307.764, 3309.74, 3309.75, and 3309.76.

[202302011](#)

Passed Emergency

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0321-2023

Emergency clause to remain

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0321-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0321-2023

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- 19. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens and Vice Mayor Kearney, [202302037](#)
WE HEREBY MOVE for the City Administration to prepare a report within the next thirty (30) days on the guidelines around the implementation of green infrastructure and climate adaptive elements to existing infrastructure projects done from the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway to Norfolk Southern, pending approval from the voters of Cincinnati on November 7th, 2023. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh

EQUITABLE GROWTH & HOUSINGS COMMITTEE

20. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **AMENDING** the official zoning map of the City of Cincinnati to rezone certain real properties located in and around the Lick Run Greenway Corridor. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business) <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

[202301928](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0322-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 Councilmember Keating
 Councilmember Cramerding
 Councilmember Harris
 Councilmember Jeffreys
 Councilmember Johnson
 Councilmember Owens
 President Pro Tempore Parks
 Councilmember Walsh
 Enactment No: 0322-2023

21. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 9/7/2023, **ESTABLISHING** Urban Parking Overlay District #4, "Oakley," in the Oakley neighborhood as an urban parking overlay district to eliminate

[202301917](#)

off-street parking requirements in certain designated areas. (Subject to the [Temporary Prohibition List](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business) <<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/ethics/city-business>>)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0323-2023

Suspension of the three readings

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh
Enactment No: 0323-2023

- 22. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Walsh and Harris, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report about the process and historic timeline of creating, vetting, and sending out Contracts with entities who are receiving financial support from the City. Support includes but is not limited to NBDIP, NOFA, TIF funding, tax abatements, and leverage funding support. This report should detail a typical timeline from when these contracts are first brought to the administration to when they are executed. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202302026](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
Councilmember Keating
Councilmember Cramerding
Councilmember Harris
Councilmember Jeffreys
Councilmember Johnson
Councilmember Owens
President Pro Tempore Parks
Councilmember Walsh

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:43 P.M.